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BBQ & OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH AND COMPLETION OF SELF-HELP HOMES IN NOTUS

WHAT: Ten families have put in 32 hours/week for 10 months to build their own homes with the supervision of professional staff at I.D.A.H.O., Inc.

WHY: One of the home-builders is a 63 yr. old retired Grandmother raising her 5 grandchildren. She has put in more than the required 32 hours/week but she is so excited about having this home that she continues to be on-site as often as she can. She has a lot of volunteers who help but she is out there whenever she can be there.

I.D.A.H.O. Inc. received a \$400,000 Technical Assistant Grant from USDA Rural Development in 2004. They provide the professional part of the construction process and plan to help 31 families over-all build their own homes. Rural Development provides a low-interest loan to each of the homeowners but they usually have at least 25% equity upon completion.

Many of the homeowners would not be able to have their own home without this program. I.D.A.H.O. Inc. is looking for more applicants for future projects in Notus and Wilder.

Homeownership is the cornerstone of the American dream. It provides security for children, stabilizes neighborhoods and creates stronger communities.

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